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N. Korea Recognises Ho Chi-minh's Communist Regime

London, Feb. 1.—North Korea has recognised the Vietminh leader, Ho Chi-minh's "Republic of Vietnam," according to an official Soviet news agency (Tass) report from Phyeung-Yang, North Korean capital, received in London.

Tass quoted an announcement in today's North Korean newspaper, which says that the Korean Republic has recognised the Vietminh Government's authority in the country and territorial integrity of Vietnam.

Two-Purpose Economic Bill

Washington, Feb. 1.—The House of Representatives today passed a two-purpose economic bill, which would establish a National Economic Council to coordinate the country's economic policy.

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He's Causing Trouble



Here you see Captain Paul Westerling, former reserve captain of the Royal Dutch Indian Army, who is causing a lot of trouble to the United States of Indonesia government. He is reputed to be attempting to make West Java a separate Moslem State.—London Express Service.

Frantic Search For Lost Plane Continues

White Horse, Yukon, Feb. 1.—Five hundred American and Canadian airmen joined in the search for a lost United States Air Force transport as the skies cleared today, but clues to the fate of the 44 persons aboard the lost plane dwindled to one "doubtful" report.

A last radio report on the night from Alaska to Great Britain, frequency interrupted, said the plane was seen in the Yukon River valley, about 200 miles northwest of White Horse, and that the crew and passengers were seen in the area where the radio signal was heard.

However, Air Commodore Martin Gostello, search coordinator, said he was "doubtful" the call came from the missing plane. He said "It was one of 50 we have received and of course we must check thoroughly. But let me point out that the signal was weak but clear, of very short duration and not coded as it would have been if it had come from the automatic 'Gibber Girl' type of emergency radio transmitter."

Although the weather was ideal, mounting mechanical failures among the search planes and exhaustion among the crews and mechanics was cutting into the rescue force and hope was fading that the 44 aboard the C-54, including a mother and her two-year-old son, would be found alive.—United Press.

Mr Bevin Breaks A Tradition

Rome, Feb. 1.—An age-long Vatican tradition that the Pope grants audiences only in the morning was broken for Mr Ernest Bevin, the British Foreign Minister, who is now here.

Mr Bevin was also given the use of the Pope's private lift used only by the Pope and one high Cardinal to go up to the Pope's study.

Mr Bevin spoke with the Pope alone for 15 minutes and then presented the Pope his two private secretaries.

Vatican officials said that Mr Bevin's visit was "completely private"—Reuters.

Invalided Home

Singapore, Feb. 2.—General C. H. Boucher, General Officer in Command, Malaya, who is reported to be seriously ill, has been invalided home, the Army announced here on Wednesday.—Associated Press.

First H-Bomb Expected Within Twelve Months

U.S. ATOMIC SUPREMACY Fighter Craft To Protect Security Belt

Washington, Feb. 1.—Atomic experts predicted today the United States will produce and test its first hydrogen super bomb within the year. Officials said, however, it will not be ready for proving at the new atomic tests scheduled for this spring at Eniwetok island in the Pacific Ocean. Still, they asserted the United States is far ahead of Russia in the atomic arms race.

Physicists said the "first crude" H-bomb will be two to 10 times as powerful as today's best plutonium bomb, itself the equivalent of nearly 200,000 tons of TNT. But the power of "later refined" models will be limited mostly, they said, by the capacity of the aeroplanes or missiles built to deliver them. Bombs of the future conceivably could "fry" the largest city on earth in a matter of seconds.

Officials familiar with nuclear development elsewhere said Mr Truman's order that the H-bomb production be carried forward came in time to assure the United States of atomic supremacy for the present at least. But they emphasised that Russia knows the scientific theory involved in the H-bomb and can be expected to go all out to catch up.

President Truman's order said, in effect, the Atomic Energy Commission must now take the hydrogen bomb off the drawing board where it has been put for years and put it into engineering at the commission's bomb production laboratory in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Santa Fe, where the new weapon will be developed from theory into fact.

Scientists said the first test bomb should be ready in some time under one year. Reaction to Mr Truman's order was, for the most part, favourable. It was in two other areas, however, that the H-bomb's most frightful danger of disaster, even conceived, must be handled for atomic controls and peace.

NOT COSTLY

Official sources said the cost of the H-bomb project will be low. The Atomic Energy Commission brought it up to the engineering phase before asking the president to approve the production phase. No new plants will be needed to make the new bomb. The primary materials, heavy hydrogen and light metal lithium, are plentiful and cheap. Scientists said the cost should be kept within \$10,000,000 and \$100,000,000. A member of the congressional atomic committee put the ceiling at \$200,000,000. It cost \$2,000,000,000 to develop the old model atom bomb.

2. The presidential order meant the AEC is to go ahead rapidly in H-bomb development but not at the expense of the present project. The commission will continue to speed the production of uranium and plutonium bombs which will serve as "triggers" of the H-bomb—and will push its multi-million project to harness uranium and plutonium energy for driving ship and producing power. Unlike fission energy, H-energy could not be controlled for peacetime uses.

3. The new weapon, however powerful it becomes, will not be used. The formal notification came as United Nations representatives agreed that President Truman's decision to go ahead with the hydrogen bomb made atomic agreement all the more imperative if world peace were to be saved.

ATTLEE TO TOUR MIDLANDS, N. ENGLAND

London, Feb. 1.—The Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, has planned a nine-day swing through Central and Northern Britain as part of the Labour Party's general election campaign.

Mrs Attlee will drive the Prime Minister in their family car on the tour, political informants reported today.

During the tour, Mr Attlee expects to make about 50 speeches.

The Prime Minister probably will leave London a week from Wednesday. He has to be back in London by Feb. 18 to wind up the Labour Party's series of electoral broadcasts.—Associated Press.

IMPORTANT QUESTION

London, Feb. 1.—Britons everywhere are asking what will happen about the nation's Government if the General Election has such a close finish that no party obtains an outright majority in Parliament.

This possibility is visualised by many ordinary citizens, to whom the size of the Liberal Party's bid for recovery has come as a major surprise. They have over 400 candidates and may have unpredictable effects (Continued on Page 5).



HIROHITO

Soviet Wants Hirohito Tried As War Criminal

Washington, Feb. 1.—Russia proposed to the United States on Wednesday that Emperor Hirohito of Japan be tried as a war criminal by an international court.

The proposal was made in a note which the Soviet Ambassador, Mr Alexander Panyushkin, handed to Secretary of State Dean Acheson at a seven-minute conference at the State Department.

Upon leaving, Mr Panyushkin said the Soviet note also proposed the trial of a number of other Japanese war criminals who are not under Soviet control.

Mr Panyushkin said the note recalled the recent Soviet prosecution and conviction of a number of Japanese for planning bacteriological warfare against the Soviet Union. He added the Soviet Union now wants additional war criminals prosecuted.

INTERNATIONAL TRIAL

Although he did not say so directly, he appeared to link Hirohito with the bacteriological plot. Asked whether he expected the United States to prosecute them, he said Russia wants an international trial.

Mr Panyushkin went to the State Department accompanied only by an interpreter. When he met reporters outside, Mr Acheson's office, he listened to the questions in English and gave his replies in Russian. His aide quickly interpreted them.

A State Department representative said that Mr Panyushkin, while presenting the note to Mr Acheson, did not orally mention Emperor Hirohito. Afterwards, however, Mr Panyushkin was backed into a lift by reporters who wanted to know whether Emperor Hirohito was among the "war criminals" which Russia had in mind, "Da, da," Mr Panyushkin replied in Russian, smiling and shrugging his shoulders. His interpreter quickly added that his Ambassador meant "Yes, yes, Hirohito is one of them."—United Press.

BULLET BOUNCES OFF WOMAN

Newcastle, Feb. 1.—A 32 calibre bullet struck a 30-year-old woman in the face and bounced off. Later she was treated for an abrasion on the cheek.

She was sitting with other members of a picnic party when she felt a blow on the side of her face. She put a hand to her cheek and found it was bleeding. On the ground beside her lay a spent bullet.—Reuters.

TRITON BOMB

It was really the triton bomb, the New York Times science editor said, because the basic explosive element in the hydrogen bomb was tritium—an hydrogen isotope of Atomic Mass 3, with 1,000 times the energy of Atomic Mass 2.

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Atomic Control Agreement Impossible

Lake Success, Feb. 1.—The Big Five Western powers today formally notified all member nations of the United Nations that Russia's boycott of the world organisation had made it impossible to reach an agreement on atomic control.

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By GRACE THORNCLEIFFE

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Striking Town Coat



By VERA WINSTON

VELVET COMBINED with black smoothly broadcloth to tone, adds up to a striking town coat, that is as comfortable as it is attractive. The velvet is used for the slim form-fitting bodice, detailed with a peppy, upstanding collar and pointed cuffs. The bodice joins the skirt at the hipline, curving up in front. The skirt, cut full and so circular lines, is gathered on to the bodice.

Now Cotton Knit Dresses

Cleveland. Rows of six pearl buttons over each shoulder highlight the one-piece style in the hat and bag promotion. The hat styles will be mainly caps and cloches. The bags will be pouch and drawstring styles.

One new item to be featured in the collection is a cotton knit dress which is designed in several styles. One style, already completed is an all-over dot knit with solid knit trim around the V-neckline, cardigan front. The bodice is fitted and the skirt is a full dirndl type. Another combines a stripe knit wide-necked top with a solid-colour skirt.

Two golf fashion numbers appear in solid chambrays and in striped and checked combinations. Some are the classic one-piece styles with a variation adopted in sleeveless styles and in two-piece dresses.

Cotton Dresses

A group of about seven cotton dress styles with hats and bags to match will be featured. A two-piece style features a plumed poplin jacket over a straight skirt accented with wooden buttons.

Former Gaiety Girl Models For The 'Not-So-Slender' Woman

By Joan Erskine

LONDON. A UNIQUE wholesale dressmaker business has grown up in London—unique because it is built round one woman, Dorothy Walker, who models clothes for the older woman.

It all began some twenty years ago when the owner of a wholesale dress house spotted Dorothy modelling at a show. For some time he had realised the acute shortage of designs for older women, or as he preferred to call them "not-so-slender" women.

He persuaded Dorothy Walker to join his firm, and from then on developed an interesting partnership. Dorothy is herself an older woman. She knows what women of her age want to wear, what they are happy to wear, and what is most comfortable for them. Although she takes no part in the actual design of the clothes, she undoubtedly disappears of any irritating point.

The dressmaker service opened through retailers all over the world. An order received from Melbourne or Sales

bury or Bombay, is made up to the customer's own measurements, taking into account any of her particular idiosyncrasies. Sketches are posted off showing the new range (at present, they have over two hundred models) and from these she chooses her garments. If she prefers a different type of neckline or the back of one dress and the front of another, it is possible for her to have it executed. Therefore not only is the older woman adequately catered for, but she is able to choose fashion's latest in folded ruffles. If there is an urgent rush order, for a bride's mother possibly, the dress is airmailed out to her with a minimum of delay.

Given Her Name Dorothy Walker herself is the most interesting figure, for all the clothes she shows are given her name. She is very tall, with snow white hair, shrewd eyes, and a complexion many younger women would envy. She was one of George Edwardes' "Arlingtons," a Gaiety Girl chosen for her personality. From there she went on to Vaudeville, and thence to the legitimate stage. Although she spent some twenty-three years in musical comedy and straight drama, her true coming is a model.

During "Fashion Fortnight" last year, she took part in a large fashion parade held in the Connaught Theatre, where over 40 firms were represented. She was drawn to it in a hansom cab by Joe Fynn, the comedian who used to drive her to the Adelphi in the old days. He did it just for the fun of the thing, and said she had not changed a bit since her Gaiety days, except that she was now better dressed!

Most Popular Export None of these models was on the usual "outsizes" lines. They did not make great play with the inevitable V-neckline or wash which tuck at the back. From an export point of view, earthy, simple, and comfortable are the most popular. Many had intricate embroidery and beadwork, sometimes in horizontal lines, usually not even considered for larger figures.

Beauty Reminder

If your hair is to be sparkling and serene, there is quite a lot of what never never to do. And here it is:

Never, never stand erect when brushing your hair. For the full conditioning and cleansing effect of the effort, bend over from the waist and let your head dangle.

Never, never select your shampoo and hair oil on the basis of perfume. Choose the one that is designed for your type of hair, oily, dry or normal.

Never, never fail to see that your hair is rinsed out of your scalp thoroughly. The soap left on the scalp will do it worse than a comb and a small stream of water will do it.

Never, never forget that a shampoo is part of your hair's health. It is not only a wash but a treatment. Shampoo your hair thoroughly, with care, and you will be happy.

Never, never let a dermatologist of the scalp go unattended. Before a permanent damage, your hair or scalp to your face, see your doctor.

Never, never about night ends. Your hairdresser knows that a wet razor will not do you.

Never, never fail to have a test cut before your permanent. It's three months' insurance in your satisfaction.

Never, never forget diet affects your hair. You must get your eight glasses of water a day and your quota of citrus juice, leafy vegetables and milk.

Never, never skip your share of fresh air and exercise. The beauty of your hair is reflected in your general health.

Never, never neglect your hair. It is one of the secrets of charm!

Antique Gilt Brocade



By PRUNELLA WOOD

GLOWING softly, a pretty and party hat in the afternoon, to get one to the theatre or the opera appropriately turned out when there is no wish to look entirely formal. The soft fabric ball has a glittering buckle set with rhinestones, and the engraving is cut for the smaller size girls.



If eye shadow needs toning down, take a small brush and blend it until it's the colour you want. Then finish the job with your little finger, as Mezzo-Soprano Martha Lipton demonstrates.

By HELEN FOLLETT

BEAUTICIANS who thoroughly understand the art of make-up will tell you that eye shadows, properly used and of a becoming colour, can contribute the final touch to an enhancement. They come in paste and compact powder form, but the creamy kind is easier to apply and more effective as it can be shaded better than the compact. This toady must go on before using any colouring on the lashes, and the eyelids should never be powdered before. In fact, powdering them at any time is a mistake as it is likely to make the eye look heavy and uninteresting.

Look over these items the next time you go beauty shopping. You will be surprised to find how many shades are offered. There are any number of blue tints, they are becoming to blondes and brunettes. All ways blue has been the popular selection. The redhead will find a faint sage green a happy medium to use them, but choice, it does something to bring out the glints of her flaming batch. For the white-haired lady with delicate, transparent skin there are enticing mauves and faint purples, but of the purples she had better beware. Greys are offered, but they are seldom flattering.

For the girl with the golden skin there are browns and bronzes that must be used sparingly. Start the application in the centre of the lid, down close to the lashes. Let it do a fade-away as it is worked upward and as you sweep outward toward the far corner of the eye. Stop before you reach the terminal of the eyebrow and don't let the shadow creep up too far.

No matter how carefully they are applied, they suggest an excess of artifice in the cruel light of day. But in the evening, they impart a mysterious comeliness blue has been the popular selection. The redhead will find a faint sage green a happy medium to use them, but choice, it does something to bring out the glints of her

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Let's Eat

BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN

Apples Are A Versatile Fruit

It is most interesting to know that two of your great presidents, Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe, owned large apple orchards. I understand the seed was originally planted by that strange character, Johnny Appleseed. In any opinion he deserves a monument for his good work," observed the chief.

I think he already has a great memorial. Chief, a living memorial in the tremendous volume of apples all over the country.

Apple Dishes

Both Jefferson and Monroe were gourmets, and interested in apple dishes. They entertained frequently at a tavern near their estates, where apple dishes were a specialty. Apple cake, pie and turnovers; apple butter and apple cider were popular. And for special occasions a roast suckling pig was served with a red apple in its mouth, and glazed slices of fried apple around it. The tavern featured a chopped apple relish, flavoured with spices, citron, candied cherries and orange peel. Come to think of it, no other fruit has so many delectable uses in our menu as the apple. What other fruit can you eat skin and all, baked, stewed, fried, boiled; as a fruit, a dessert or a vegetable; in cakes, pies, custards, puddings, breads, stuffings, as apple juice or cider; in relishes, jams, conserves, jellies.

You know, Madame, considering all the work that is done in the orchards for the production of this fruit, and later in the processing, packaging and transportation, I think apples are one of the best buys in the market."

In today's column we give you several suggestions for baked apples that are different and enjoyable.

Dinner

Tomato Soup Crisp Crackers Sliced Turkey or Roast Pork in Mashed Potato Mixed Vegetables Hot Cabbage Salad Cider-Baked Apples Coffee or Tea Milk (Children)

Include enriched bread or rolls with butter or margarine. All Measurements Are Level Recipes Serve Four

Hot Cabbage Salad

Chop 1 1/2 lb. or enough crisp white or green cabbage to make 5 c. Steam-boil 3 min. in salt water to half cover and drain.

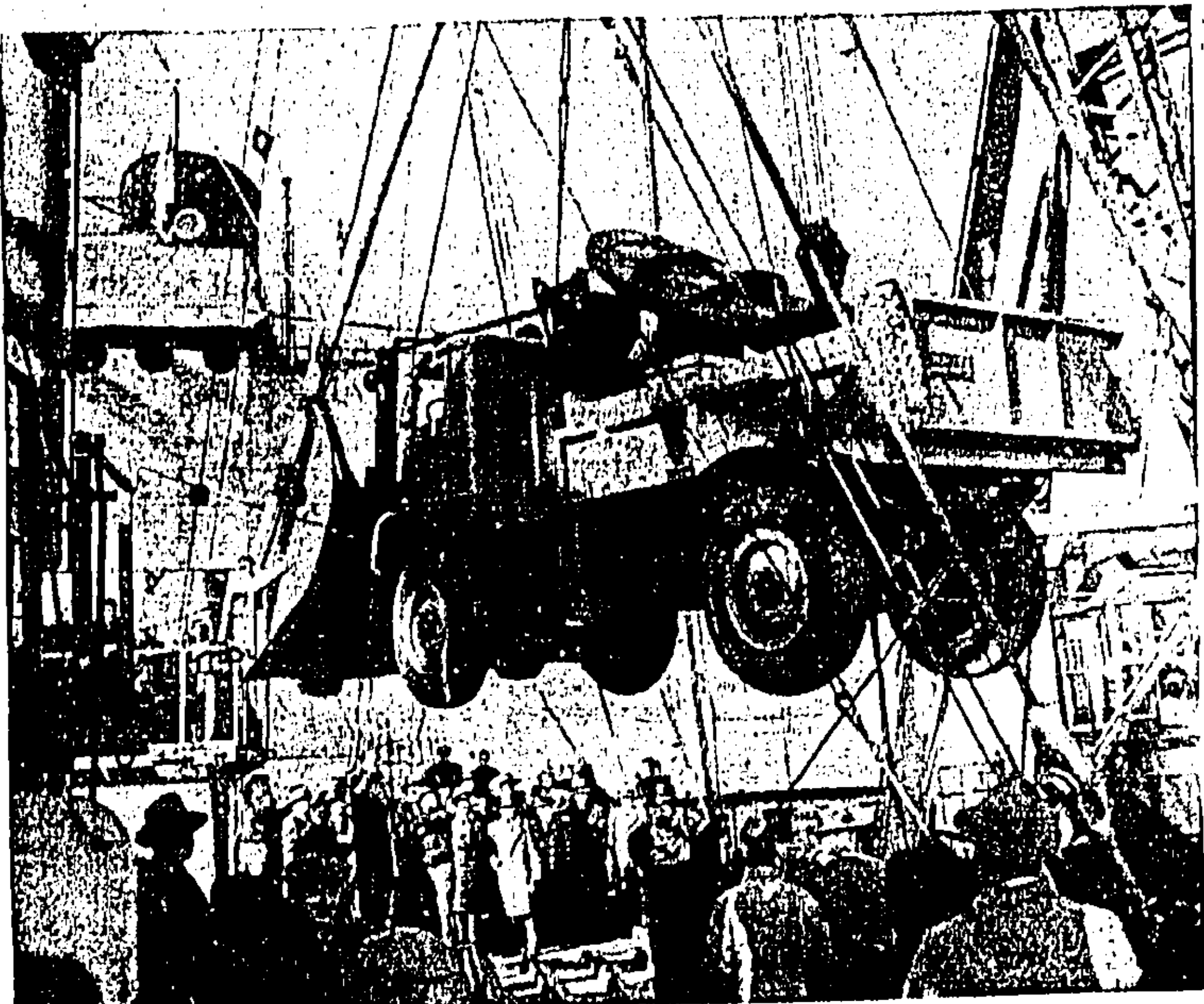
Pineapple-Baked Apples

Prepare the apples for baking as described in the preceding recipe. Fill the centres with a mixture of 1 mashed banana combined with 1/4 c. crushed pineapple juice. Sprinkle on 1 tsp. granulated sugar. Pour over 1 c. pineapple juice and 1/2 c. water. Bake as directed above. Serve warm or cold.

Mince-Baked Apples

This is a good way to use up a little left-over mince meat. Select 4 medium-sized firm cooking apples and remove the cores almost to the bottom. Then hollow out a little more of the apple by means of a spoon, forming a thick apple core. Fill the centres with the mince meat. Dust the tops with a little granulated sugar and dot with butter. Place in a casserole; pour in 1 c. sweet cider, apple juice or tangerine juice. Cover and bake and finish as directed in the recipe for Cider-Baked Apples.

PICTORIAL NEWSFRONT



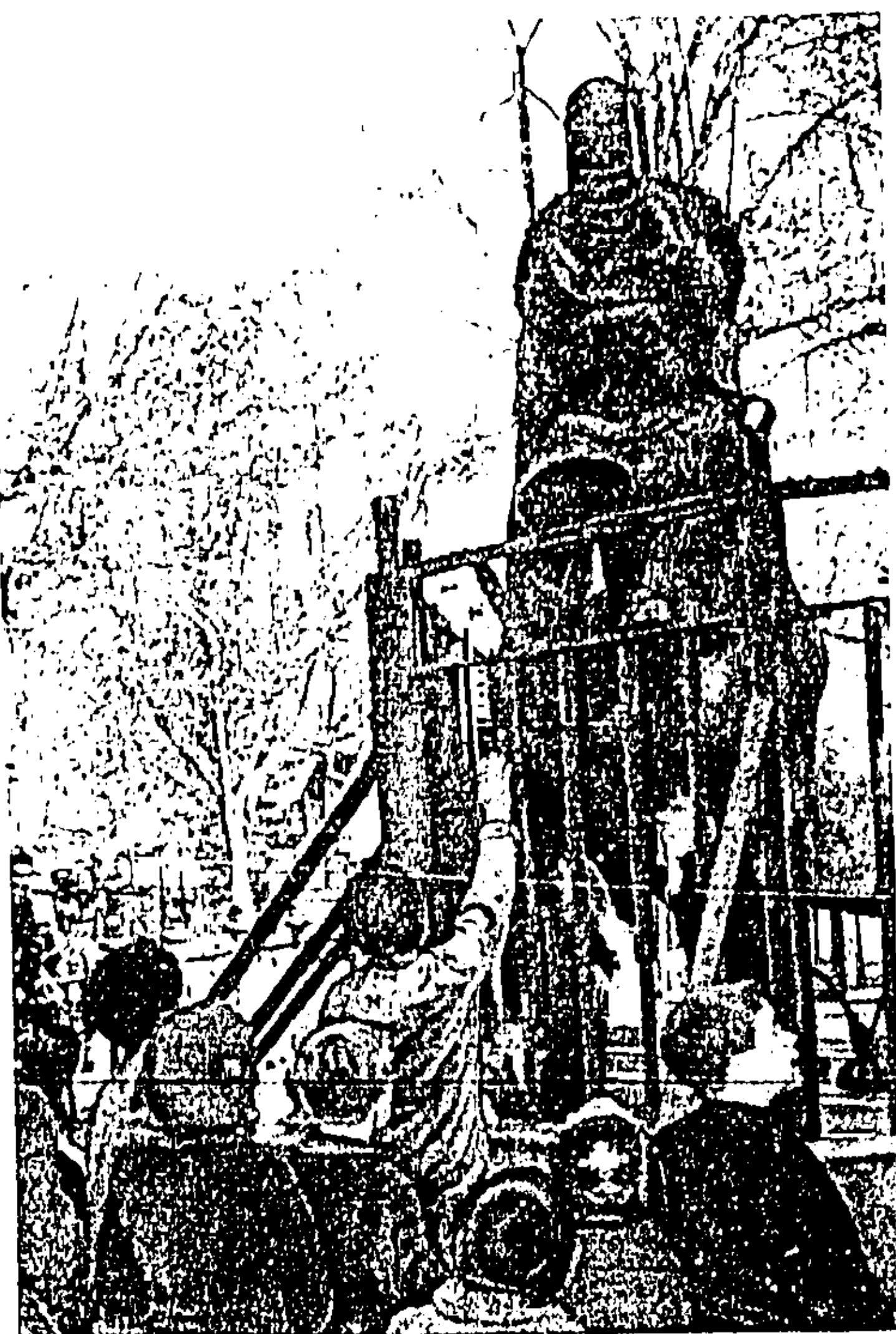
OFF TO ITALY—This 240-horsepower, 11-ton snowplough is being loaded aboard the freighter Exira in New York Harbour for the village of Capracotta, in Italy's Apennine Mountains. Residents of Jersey City contributed US\$20,000 for its purchase when the mayor of the Italian village wrote to the mayor of Jersey City and informed him of the community's critical need for such equipment.



SPRING IS COMING—Because the New York winter has been fairly mild, Helen Traubel, famous Wagnerian soprano of the Metropolitan Opera, is going over her collection of hats. If her anxiety is a barometer, 1950's Easter should be a warm one.



RESULT OF CHRISTMAS—Because Santa Claus left a toy electric razor for Donnie Jo, aged 22 months, and a real one for his grandfather, Joseph F. Robertson, of Chicago, it has caused a daily struggle. Each now tries to see who can get into the bathroom first in the morning.



HAPPY TO SEE THEM AGAIN—Romeo the elephant is trumpeting a happy welcome to a crowd of visitors on the first day of the reopening of the Rome Zoo. When a mysterious disease broke out among quadrupeds, killing some of them, the Zoo had to be closed for six months until new arrivals filled the cages.



NEW CITIZEN—Federal Judge Walter LaBuy, left, swears in Leif Wilhelm Henle as a U.S. citizen in Chicago, while movie and skating star Sonja Henie holds her brother's hand. Leif is also Sonja's manager. The Henies hail from Norway.



THE OLD IS NEW—Lovely starlet Joan Evans models this new evening gown in Hollywood. But anyone who can remember the styles of the Roaring Twenties will recognise this as an adaptation of a style of those days.



BOUND FOR HIGH SCHOOL FORUM—Arriving from London at New York's Idlewild Airport are three delegates to a forum for high schools. Sabam Slaglan, left, and Soeslo Sardadi, right, are from Indonesia, and Syed Adam Edward Hogan-Shaidali is from Malaya.



KIDS' PARADISE—Gathering around this candy vendor on the Piazza Navona, in Rome, are Italian children who flocked to the square before Epiphany. Toys were also displayed to make the square a children's paradise for a few weeks.



SOME GAL—When actress Ruth Roman went down to the beach at Santa Monica, California, for a swim, a photographer saw her, and this is the result.

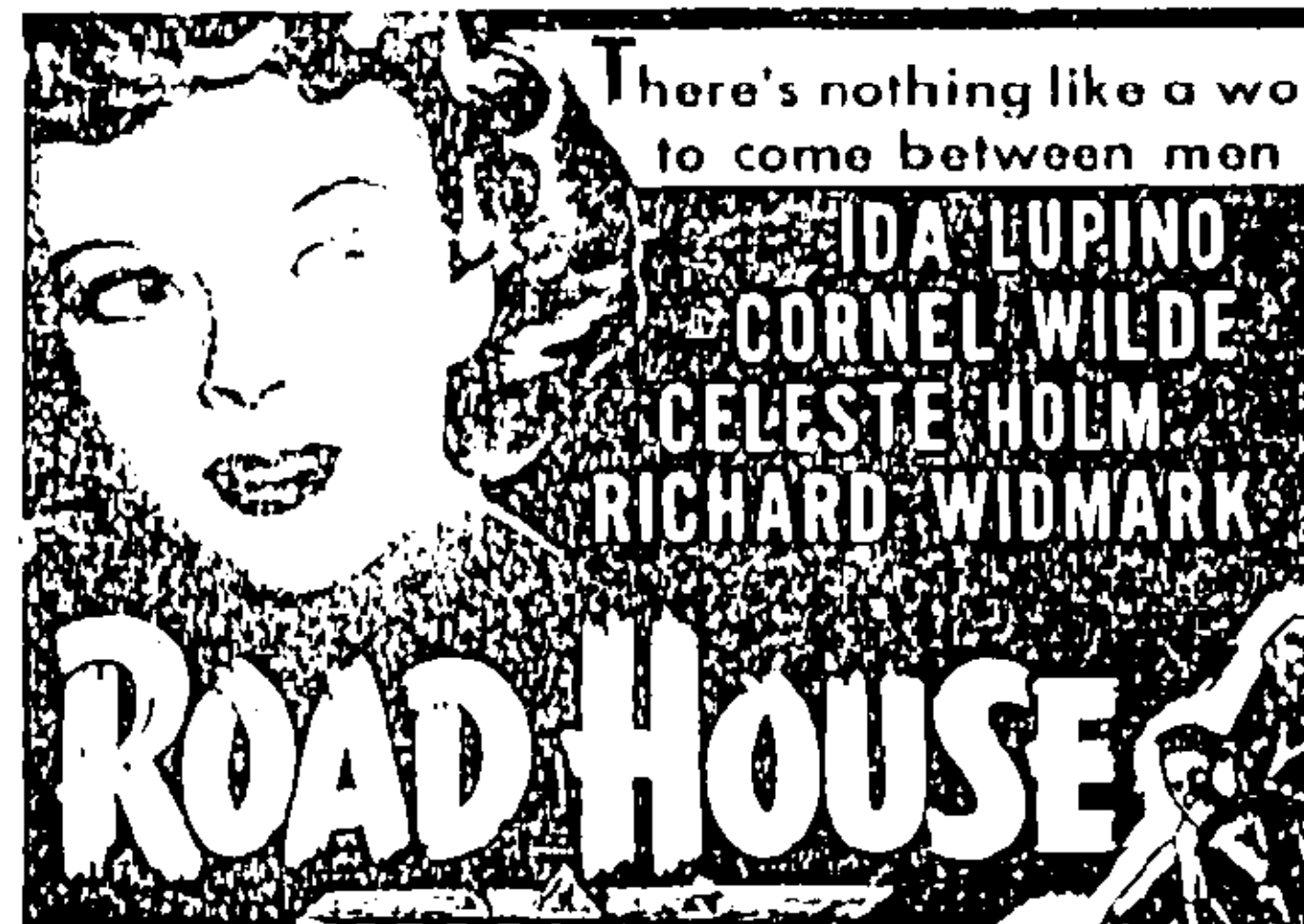


PRIZE POINTER—Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Achenbach of Vidalia, Georgia, are very proud of their pointer, Napinka's Little Sis. The silver plate held by Mrs. Achenbach was won as first prize in the annual trials of the Field Club Amateur Derby for pointers at Pinehurst, North Carolina.

CENTRAL THEATRE

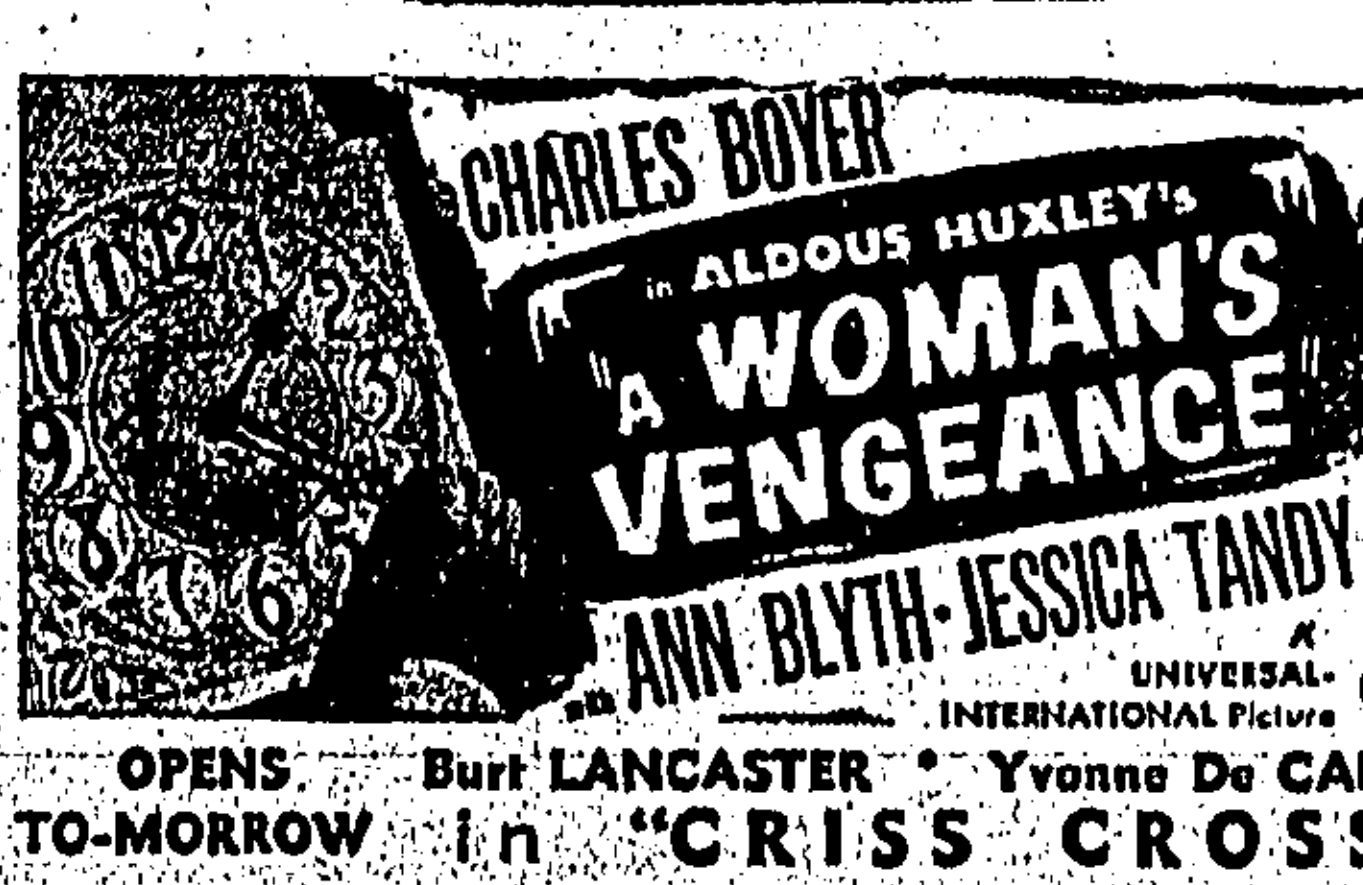
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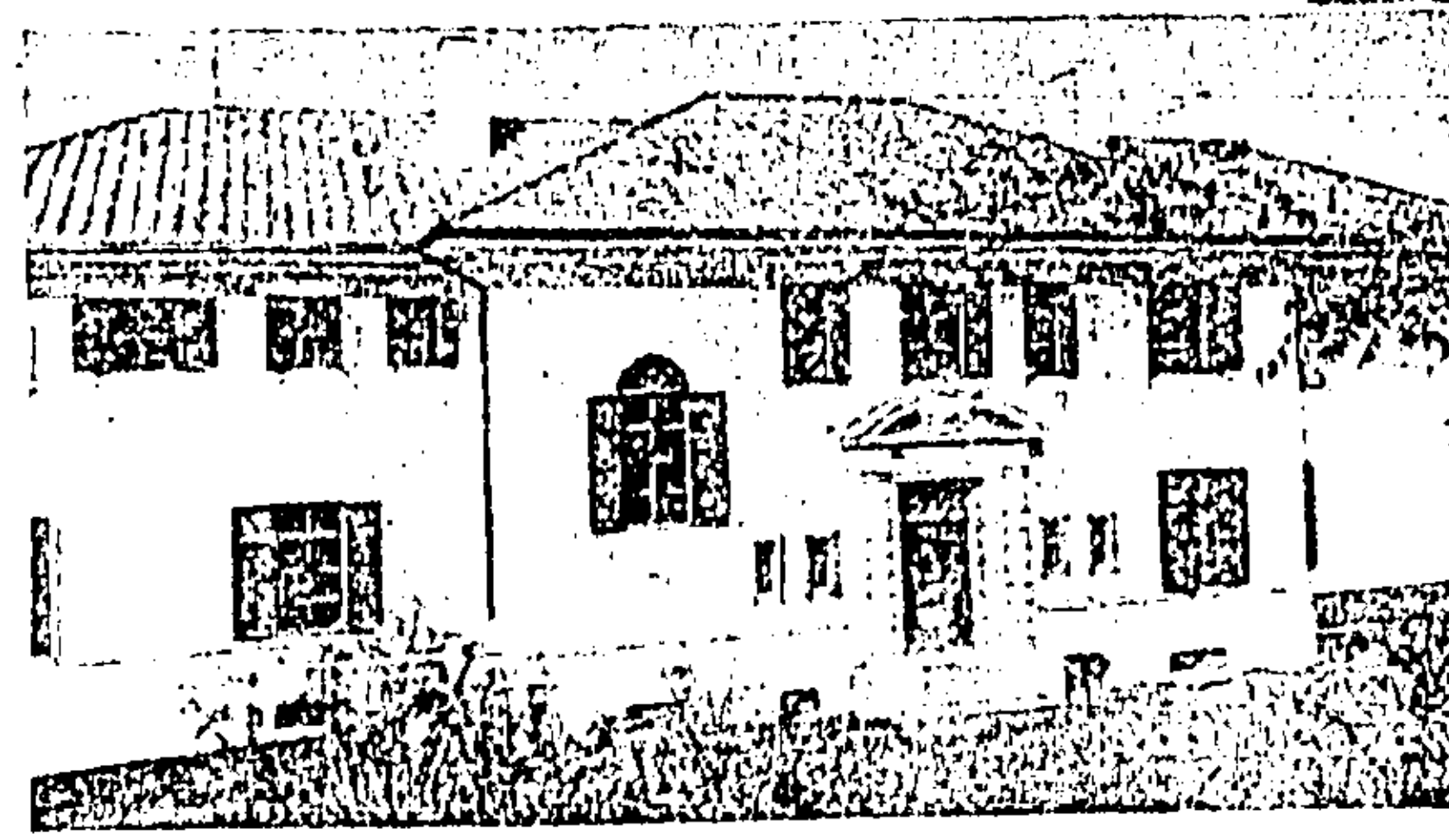
OPENS TO-MORROW in "CRISS CROSS"

A war spy in the British Embassy

Astonishing story of an ambassador's valet



Sir Hugh Knatchbull-Hugessen



THE BRITISH EMBASSY in Ankara in 1943

IN a Belgian newspaper an astonishing story is being published.

It tells how in 1943 the Germans obtained vitally important Allied war secrets by paying £300,000 in sterling to the valet of the British Ambassador to Turkey, Sir Hugh Knatchbull-Hugessen.

In this way, it is said, they learned of the Moscow and Casablanca conference decisions, details of the bomber offensives, and plans for the final invasion of Europe. They also obtained the key to the British diplomatic code.

The disclosure is made by the German official, who claims to have handled the transaction. The name is L. C. Moysich. He was known to the British as head of the German spy system in Ankara during the war.

The story is told in the front of a spy thriller, fiction, accounts in brief to the

Nervous look

ON October 26, 1943 Moysich was introduced in his office at the German Embassy in Ankara by a peculiar individual, who claimed that he had an exceptional offer to make the Germans.

Moysich, described him as a man about 50 with a large forehead, dark hair, and a serious expression, with a nervous look.

The man, warned Moysich, that the slightest indiscretion would cost them both their lives.

He then said that he had been in the world since 1914, and that he had been in the world since 1914, and that he had been in the world since 1914.

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What truth is there in it? This question was put by Sir Hugh Knatchbull-Hugessen at his home in Kent. His reply was frank.

The backbone of the story is certainly true. There is a host of truth in it, but it has been subjected to a great deal of imaginative treatment.

There are incidents in it which are completely untrue. The story is a mixture of fact and fiction.

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FINALLY there is a perfect example of a fake note. It is a note which has been made in Germany.

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By FREDERICK ELLIS THE OPEN DRAWER IS YOUR WARNING

"IRON CURTAIN" methods of recording conversations secretly by dictagraphs are being adopted by big business.

The recording apparatus is secreted in the drawer of the desk. When the boss wishes to have a permanent record of any business talk he starts the machine by gently easing the drawer an inch or so.

The visitor is unaware that everything he says is being taken down, and can be used as evidence against him if the need arises.

One managing director has a recording attachment to his telephone. A flick of a switch and the whole two-way conversation is recorded for ever.

All very innocent in most offices. But the recording could be useful as evidence in court. More important, it could prevent a case coming to court.

In less polite circles this is called blackmail. In America, this listening-in habit among business men has caught on. Secret switches under the desk make it advisable to choose your words carefully.

I have heard of one business man who came threatening his rival, and put the talk "off the record" by using streams of foul language—language that made the recording unsuitable for playing back as evidence!

No wonder business men increasingly fix up their desks over the hotel lunch table. The service charge, as yet, does not cover recording machines.

(London Express Service)

C. V. R. Thompson Cautious Mr Kagawa goes in hat first

NEW YORK

MR Kagawa bowed himself cautiously into the offices of New York firms.

He is the first commercial traveller from Japan allowed in the U.S. since Pearl Harbor. So his caution was understandable.

But not really necessary. The Americans are over-keen to get to know the Japanese. They have the habit of asking questions. Indeed, they have the habit of asking questions.

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Some U.S. bosses are even now in Washington crying for higher tariffs against Japan.

British trade officials are worried also that cheaper-than-British Japanese goods will undercut them in the U.S. shops.

That doesn't worry Mr Kagawa. He expressed hopes that American toy and brick-making counters would soon be filled with bargain-price Japanese lighters, umbrellas, sweaters, glasses, knitted gloves and gloves, rugs, and pocket cameras. All from Japan, of course.

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R. M. MacCOLL phones from Paris

NO single thing has made me yearn more wistfully for the remembered joys of Washington than my daily set-to with the French telephone.

A French telephone is vaguely like a British model in appearance, but higher, more spindly, and seemingly lacking in vitamins. A keening sound is detectable from the instrument as of high winds in pine forests.

To make sure that I shall not miss the operator, when she gets around to answering, I lift a curious little extra caution rather like a hard ear-muff, and stuff it against my other ear.

Now comes the operator's voice with the words "C'est moi" ("I am listening") that you ought to hear the way she says it. It is all set out.

I give her the number, enunciating with laboured clarity. Usually she makes me repeat it at least once, or else repeats it wrongly herself.

MADENING Well, with a bit of luck I finally get through to my number and embark on a quivering conversation. It is useless to use a normal tone; you would never be understood at the other end of the line.

Then comes one of the most maddening tricks. While both my informant and I are bellowing our heads off at one another, the operator cuts in with the inquiry, "Vous parlez?" ("Are you speaking?").

When that tormenting question comes there is only one thing to be done. Both the parties to the conversation must instantly answer in chorus, "Yes, mademoiselle. We speak."

Then reporter M. must walk into the nearest cafe and inquire tenderly after the health of Madame in black bombazine behind the desk. He then orders hot grog and a coffee. (That, of course, is the point.)

PLEASE, MADAME Then reporter M. approaches Madame and says please could he have a jeton? Madame casts a quick glance at the counter to ensure that a bona fide order has indeed been placed, and hands over a small metal counter costing just under sixpence.

Reporter M. clutching his jeton, then makes his way downstairs into the very bowels of the place.

By Ernie Bushmiller

**FREDDIE MILLS WAS
CUT DOWN—NOT
BATTERED DOWN
SAYS RONALD BOXALL**

YOU'D HOLD A POOR GIRL UP FOR \$500? I HAVEN'T EVEN GOT THAT MUCH!

NO! NO! PLEASE, DON'T GO! GIVE ME TILL MONDAY TO RAISE IT. I'LL ASK DADDY'S BOSS! HIS NAME IS...

...PROFILE!

Lake Placid, Feb. 1.—Simo Slanovik, of Norway, official combined event in the World Ski Championships with won the jumping half of the points total of 231.—Reuter.

WAY OPEN FOR RECOGNITION OF BAO DAI REGIME

The delegation of the Tripoli-
tani National Congress at
Lake Success, headed by Rashid
Bashadawi, arrived here today
from Cairo. It will hold talks
with the Emir Sennusi over the
unity of the Tripolitania and
Cyrenaica under the Sennusi
Government.

"It was a brave effort," added the writer, "but met with its fate they must, at heart, have expected."—Associated Press.

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